

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
January 16, 2003

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on January 16, 2003. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Crown Room in the Hotel.

The following members were present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Mrs. Sara Fox, Mrs. Veldore Heidelberg, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. George Walker, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge. Members Absent: Mr. Jimmy Murphy, and Mr. Lawrence Warren. SBCJC staff present included: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mrs. Sandra Lucas, Mr. Jim Southward, Mrs. Denise Walley, and Dr. Evelyn Webb. Guests present included: Dr. Tommy Davis and Dr. Bill Smith.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert gave a brief overview of the SBCJC Funding Formula Study. She reported that the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges held a meeting on November 25, 2002, after the initial study report to discuss the recommendations. On that meeting the presidents requested that additional scenarios be run for examination and review. At a special called MACJC meeting on December 19, 2002, the presidents decided by a 13 to 2 vote to endorse Scenario One. After the vote Dr. Willis Lott of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College forwarded a letter to the presidents asking that they review additional scenarios. Dr. Tommy Davis called a special meeting on January 14, 2003. On that date the motion made was to review Scenario One and to only consider making changes to the base amount and phase-in time period. At that meeting the MACJC voted unanimously to support Scenario Two. This scenario changed the base from \$1,500,000 to 15% and the phase-in period from three years to a five-year period.

Mrs. Gilbert reminded the Board that Dr. Mary Moak with MGT of America, would be presenting the study recommendations to the Legislature on January 27, 2003. All Board members are invited to attend.

Dr. Evelyn Webb distributed draft copies of the SBCJC Strategic Plan to each of the Board members. She shared a brief background on how the plan came about. She asked that the Board review the draft and offer comments and suggestions by next month's meeting.

Mrs. Sara Fox and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed Finance agenda items as follows:

1. General Fund 2298 Disbursements for February and March 2003, in the amount of \$6,745,899 each;
2. Education Enhancement Fund and Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements for January, 2003, from Funds 4080, 4110, and 3295 in the total amount of \$2,860,096;
3. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 as of December 31, 2002.

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Dr. Larry Day presented the Quarterly Capital Improvements Report for the Board's review.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert gave the Board an update on the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations and the Governor's Budget Recommendations for fiscal year 2004.

Mrs. Fox also informed the Board that the mileage reimbursement rate decreased from \$0.365 to \$0.36 per mile, effective January 16, 2003.

Dr. Randall Bradberry presented a request from Copiah-Lincoln Community College to alternate offering their LPN and Health Care Assistant Program located at the Natchez Campus. Action will be taken during the regular meeting tomorrow.

Dr. Bradberry discussed proposed legislation that would effect the SBCJC and community and junior colleges and briefly highlighted key bills.

Dr. Stonecypher updated the Board on efforts to establish a contractual agreement with the Mississippi State Department of Education that would allow the SBCJC to administer post-secondary vocational technical programs.

Dr. Bradberry stated that the community and junior college presidents had met with Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck and Senator Jack Gordon to discuss funding for fiscal year 2004. During the meeting a discussion was held about the rising cost of property insurance the colleges are facing, and a plan is being developed to try and provide an alternative that could offer the colleges some relief in the area of premiums being paid.

Dr. Evelyn Webb distributed invitations to the Board for the 2003 Mississippi Quality Awards Luncheon and Ceremony scheduled for March 21, 2003, immediately following the March SBCJC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.